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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Smith et al., Confirmation No: 1367

Serial No.: 10/579,403 Group Art Unit: 1651

Filed: May 12, 2006 Examiner: Irene Marx

For: Fermentation Process

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 20, 2008, Applicants submit the following amendment and remarks. Applicants also hereby request a one month extension of time to respond and authorize the Commissioner to charge the requisite fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1701.

Entry of the amendment and reconsideration of the application in view of the amendment and remarks is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this document.

**Remarks and arguments** begin on page 5 of this document.